

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SPECIAL MEETING  
Minutes of September 2, 2014**

- I. **ROLL CALL.** Select Board Chair John Quinn III; Selectmen Kevin T. Beal, Brad Denny, Dennis Donahue, Lynn Doney, Matthew Gadbois, Kenneth W. Goslant, K. David Maxwell (absent), and James Wilson. Also present were Town Manager Jeff Schulz, Road Foreman Ramon Hudson, Joseph McDaniel, and Mary McDaniel.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

- II. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

III. **DISCUSSION**

- a. **Award of Highway Paving Bid Proposal.** Manager Schulz stated that the Select Board opened paving bids last week (08/26/14) and four (4) bids were received: Springfield Paving (\$78.49 per ton). Pike Industries (\$84.85 per ton), Johnson Paving Company (\$101.00 per ton), and Green Mountain Paving (\$115.00 per ton). Also, the Board had directed staff to seek clarification on the bids provided by Springfield Paving and Pike Industries to better understand their proposed paving process. Manager Schulz stated that Springfield Paving plans to do an overlay to fill in the low spots but not an additional one inch (1") top coat. Springfield Paving would need to do a revised bid and it would result in an increase in their per ton amount of \$78.49 by \$3 to \$4 per ton. Also, Springfield Paving noted that with the additional paving layer, they would not be able to complete the work until next spring. Road Foreman Hudson stated that Pike Industries' bid consists of a two step paving process (both filling lower spots and top coat) and the emulsion. Also, Pike Industries can complete the paving by October 15, 2014. Selectman Denny stated that Pike Industries' process will provide for a more completed project and recommended that the Board accept their bid. Chair Quinn asked why Springfield Paving's bid price would increase with the second layer if the Town is bidding a per ton price. Road Foreman Hudson responded that this is not fully clear. However, it appears to be related to additional placement and rolling of the top coat. Selectman Beal stated that the Pike Industries bid will allow for the project to be completed this year and also recommended accepting their bid. The Select Board also discussed the list of roads proposed for paving and Manager Schulz noted that he plans to discuss the list and funding at the next regular meeting. Selectman Goslant stated that in the future, the Town bid requests should include more detail and specifications on the type of paving process. Motion by Selectman Denny, seconded by Selectman Beal, to award the paving bid to Pike Industries. **Motion passed 8-0-0.**

- b. **Wheeler Road (Class 4 Road) Improvements.** Manager Schulz stated that this item consists of a request to perform improvements to a portion of the Class 4 section of Wheeler Road. The request is from a forester (Beth Daut) on behalf of a private property owner who plans to timber harvest an approximately 275 acre parcel at the end of Wheeler Road. Manager Schulz gave the Board an email from Ms. Daut with more specific details on the road improvements that include removal of trees along the road; the placement of road material; the widening of the road; and the temporary placement of a culvert. Road Foreman Hudson added that the Class 4 section of Wheeler Road is narrow and several sections have eroded. He added that he has no objection to the proposal and that the work as proposed should not create any issues for the Town. Road Foreman Hudson did recommend that the Select Board should require the logging trucks to use Hallstrom Road and not be allowed on West Hill. Mary McDaniel discussed the work that her husband Joe had done on Wheeler Road over the years. She had concerns about the removal of the trees from the road and her property. However, she has worked out those issues with Beth Daut. Selectman Goslant asked Mr. and Mrs. McDaniel if they had any issues with the proposal. They said that overall they have no issue with the proposed work. The Select Board then discussed the possibility of tabling this request in order to have Ms. Daut and/or the property owner attend the next regular meeting in order to present the proposal in person. Selectman Beal felt this was unnecessary and recommended that the Select Board approve the request and allow Manager Schulz and Road Foreman Hudson manage the details. Motion by Selectman Beal, seconded by Selectman Goslant, to authorize Manager Schulz to approve the project and manage the project details. **Motion passed 8-0-0.**

- IV. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Motion by Selectman Goslant, seconded by Selectman Wilson, to go into executive session, in accordance with 1 VSA 313 (a)(1), in order to discuss a personnel matter with Manager Schulz present. **Motion passed 8-0-0.**

The Board went into executive session at 7:35 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Denny, seconded by Selectman Goslant, to come out of executive session. **Motion passed 8-0-0.**

The Board came out of executive session at 7:50 p.m. No action was taken.

- V. **ADJOURNMENT.** Motion by Selectman Doney, seconded by Selectman Beal, to adjourn. **Motion passed 8-0-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jeffrey Schulz*

Jeffrey Schulz, Acting Clerk

These minutes were approved at the Select Board Meeting of September 9, 2014.